

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Leonard et al. Serial No.: 10/029,424 Confirmation No.: 3706 Group Art Unit: 1614

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Method of Treating Hormonal Deficiencies in Women Undergoing Estrogen Replacement

Therapy

Date: April 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Restriction Requirement of March 25, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-24 and 26, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I, corresponding to Claims 25, 27 and 28 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of female hormonal deficiencies comprising an estrogenic compound and a non-aromatizing androgenic compound. The Restriction Requirement is not being traversed in order to expedite examination and allowance of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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